

TANEY COUNTY REPUBLICAN

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GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Antigo, Wis.—The boiler in the planing mill of the Wunderlich Lumber Company blew up Friday, wrecking the mill and killing Engineer Pluget. A part of the boiler wrecked the residence of Mrs. Cecil and John Herman, a half mile distant, passing directly over the high school, in which were 600 children.

Chicago.—After a search extending over the United States, 5-year-old Henrietta Hatch, of Yakima, Wash., was found by the police Friday in this city. Some time ago Henrietta's sister eloped with a professional hypnotist. The couple took the child with them. Recently the hypnotist was arrested at Seattle. Under pressure he said he had left the child in Chicago. The child's father arrived here Friday and with the assistance of the police recovered his daughter.

Walla Walla, Wash.—Jerry McCraith, a unique figure in the early history of the Northwest, is dead at the county poor farm. McCraith gained considerable notoriety some years ago by filing a claim in San Francisco to the largest part of what is now Oregon, Washington and Idaho, under an old Spanish grant. He fought the case until his means were exhausted and he was obliged to work his passage back to Walla Walla.

Cambridge, Mass.—Professor Hugo Munsterberg, of Harvard university, announced Friday that the German emperor had presented to Harvard that part of the German exhibit at the St. Louis exposition which represents the social ethics of Germany. The collection, which is regarded by the university as a notable accession, will be officially tendered to Harvard next Tuesday evening by Dr. Theodore Lewald, Imperial German commissioner to the St. Louis exposition. It will be accepted on behalf of the university by Professor Munsterberg.

London.—At an auction at Christie's Friday an Elizabethan ewer of Rock crystal, mounted on silver, only six and one-half inches high, belonging to the Marquis of Anglesey, was sold to a London dealer for \$20,000. The ewer was found in a pantry among common glassware at Beaudesert, the Marquis of Anglesey's seat. Many prominent people attended the sale, including Lord Lansdowne and other titled gentlemen, but the bidding was confined to three dealers. The ewer is a beautiful specimen of English silver gilt workmanship designed after Benvenuto Cellini.

Macon, Ill.—A strange double tragedy occurred here Friday. I. H. Hull, a farmer, killed himself by taking poison. His body was found in a barn and was taken into the house. His son, Clinton, 21 years old, affected by the occurrence, went to the barn and hanged himself. No reason is known for the father's suicide. He was well-to-do and apparently had no trouble of any kind. He had recently sold his farm and planned to move to Decatur. He leaves a widow and three children. Two years ago the former owner of the same farm hanged himself in the same barn.

Bridgeport, Conn.—Organist Edwin Jackson, of Norfolk, is in a fair way to become owner of an Episcopal church if the judgment lien granted him is not paid by May 1. Mr. Jackson was at one time the organist of Trinity Episcopal church, of this city. The society owed him a year's salary, and Mr. Jackson obtained a judgment lien of \$598.96. The religious society, however, failed to pay. Then Mr. Jackson sought a decree of foreclosure, which has been granted. This money must be paid by the first Monday in May or Mr. Jackson will have a church on his hands.

New York.—Dr. Lewis O. Wilcoxson, the Klondike promoter who was arrested two weeks ago, charged with having in his possession a \$10,000 United States government bond, stolen twenty years ago, in the Manhattan bank robbery, Friday was released on \$10,000 bail, pending his examination before a United States commissioner. Dr. Wilcoxson Friday, through his counsel, again reiterated that he came by the stolen and forged bond honestly, having received it from one Samuel W. Miller as part payment for stock in a copper mine which the doctor owned in Valdez, Alaska. He said he believed that now he is at liberty, he will be able to find Miller, for whom the police have searched in vain.

Lincoln, Neb.—Two spans of the Union Pacific bridge over Bear creek, near Beatrice, were taken out by the ice Friday evening, completely tying up this branch of the Kansas division. All the small streams in Southeastern Nebraska are higher. The ice in the Platte river has not begun to move, and the critical time will come when it does.

TWENTY-THREE MAY BE DEAD.)

The Explosion in the Shaft of a Mine at Wilcox, W. Va.

Bluefields, W. Va.—As a result of an explosion in shaft No. 1 of the United States Coal and Coke company at Wilcox, Sunday, twenty-three miners are supposed to have lost their lives and it is possible that the number will exceed this. Up to 8 o'clock Sunday night fifteen bodies had been taken from the shaft. It is barely possible but not likely that some of the remaining entombed miners will be rescued alive. The explosion was of terrific force and shattered glass windows a mile distant.

The officials of the mines, including the general manager, Mr. Reis, were soon on the ground and the work of rescuing miners is now being directed by him. The miners thus far recovered were all Italians and Hungarians and the bodies have not as yet been identified. The company usually works in this shaft about seventy-five miners, but as today is Sunday the men were not all in and the small loss of lives can be attributed only to this fact.

OVER 40 BLOCKS BURNED.

The Fire Loss at Hot Springs, Ark., May Reach 2 Million Dollars.

Hot Springs, Ark.—Sunday was a day of gloom in Hot Springs. The first estimates of the damage done by the great conflagration were not exaggerated. More than forty blocks were eaten away by the flames and the most conservative estimate places the loss at 1 1/2 million dollars and several insurance men state the figures will reach 2 million dollars. The three unknown bodies recovered are the only known fatalities.

The citizens' relief committee has the situation well in hand. The amount subscribed for relief totals \$12,000 Sunday night, but it is being steadily increased. The committee feels that it can feed all the homeless. Voluntary subscriptions from the outside are being accepted.

Several excursion trains arrived here Sunday bringing visitors from adjacent cities and towns to view the ruins.

Mayor Belding ordered all saloons closed and it was a "light" Sunday at Hot Springs.

To Build Russian Ships Here

New York.—With the reported sale Friday of 300 acres of land at Perth Amboy to Charles M. Schwab and his associates began the first important move in the effort of the Russian government to add to its navy by building and purchasing ships in this country. The site has ample facilities in the way of deep water and is reached by the terminals of three railways. Here, according to report, it is intended to build warships and it is believed that the great contract already secured from the czar will be carried out.

Equal in interest is the statement that at a meeting to be held in the offices of one of the greatest banks of this city an option will be closed or extended for the purchase of forty steamers for the Russian navy. There is authority for the statement that 25 million dollars has been deposited with Paris banks in anticipation of the closing of the deal.

Six Atlantic Steamers Sold

Berlin, Feb. 24.—According to the Berlin Boersen Courier's Hamburg correspondent, it is reported that ten of the Hamburg-American line steamers have been sold—Valesia, Phenicia, Assyria, Belgravia, Canada, Castilla, Granada, Hercynia, Numidia and Palatia. Directors gave evasive answers to inquiries, but according to trustworthy information the sales are only formal, and for the protection of the Hamburg-American line in case the steamers should be captured by the Japanese. For this eventuality the price is fixed for each vessel, which Russia must pay if the steamers are captured.

Killed Her Caller.

Ardmore, I. T.—Miss Bessie Irby, 18 years old, accidentally shot and killed Clarence Morgan, a young man who was calling upon her at her home in South Ardmore, Sunday afternoon, while playing with a loaded revolver. Morgan lived in Cornish where his father is in business.

Negro Kills Aged White Man.

Joplin, Mo.—With apparently no cause whatever, Arch Macklin, a negro, drove a miner's pick into the brain of Frank Emmons, an aged white man, in the shadow of Joplin's police station Saturday night. Emmons died during the night at the hospital. The murderer has been captured and taken to Carthage for safe keeping.

Plans for a New Mission Road.

Sedalia, Mo.—Colonel A. L. Strang, promoter of the Missouri and Iowa Southern railway, which is to be constructed from here to Miami by way of Marshall, departed Sunday for Chicago to close final arrangements for building the railroad. The capital has been secured and placed with an institution which will act as trustee for the capitalists who have bonded the road.

CHURCH FLOOR COLLAPSED

THIRTEEN KILLED AND HALF A HUNDRED INJURED.

Rotten Floor of an African Methodist Episcopal Church in Brooklyn Gives Way During Funeral Service.

New York.—Thirteen persons were killed and upward of fifty injured, some probably fatally, by the collapse of the flooring of the Fleet Street African Methodist Episcopal church, in Brooklyn, Monday night. Of those killed, ten were women, two were men and one was a child.

The building was an ancient ramshackle frame structure erected sixty years ago in the heart of the colored section of Brooklyn, in Fleet street near Myrtle avenue.

Arrangements had been made Monday night to hold funeral services for Sydney Tainter, one of the older members of the church, and the auditorium, which is on the second floor of the building, the ground floor being used by the Sunday school, was crowded with an audience of upward of 300 persons, of whom the majority were women.

The congregation were waiting in silence for the arrival of the body and Pastor Jacobs was standing at the altar, awaiting the summons to meet the funeral procession at the door, when a splintering of timbers was heard, and, in an instant, the half of the auditorium nearest the door collapsed, carrying down more than a hundred persons who were crushed in the wreckage of the flooring and pews. A great volume of dust for a few moments hid from view the victims. The remainder of the audience, finding themselves cut off from the door, and expecting every instant that the rest of the flooring would collapse under them, fought madly to reach the windows, and, in some instances, leaped from them and sustained serious injuries.

On the arrival of the police and firemen, the work of rescue began. Those remaining uninjured on the portion of the floor remaining intact were taken from the windows by ladders. Those lying in the mass of wreckage on the lower floor could only be got at after the firemen had hewed their way to them with axes. Out of the wreck ten bodies were recovered and taken to a station house and about thirty removed to the Brooklyn hospital, where three women died soon after being admitted. All the ambulances in Brooklyn were called out and about a score of those hurt were able to go home after their injuries had been attended to.

Heartrending scenes were witnessed in the station house, which was thronged with relatives and friends who came to identify the dead.

Those killed were Bertha Green, Teresa Ellis, Samuel Chisholm, Anna Bean, Anna Sullivan, Louisa Smith, Mary Scott, Four unidentified women, One unidentified child, One unidentified man.

The cause of the collapse was the decayed condition of the beams and supports of the flooring.

After examining the bodies, Coroner Flaherty pronounced death in nearly every case to have resulted from suffocation caused by the victims being piled on top of each other in a mass several feet deep. The coroner said that the church was condemned as unsafe several years ago and he intended to prosecute a thorough inquiry to fix the responsibility for the disaster.

General Stoessel in Moscow.

Moscow, Feb. 26.—General Stoessel late commander of the Russian forces at Port Arthur, and his party arrived here at 9 o'clock this morning. General Stoessel was met in the Imperial pavilion at the Nicholas station by the governor, nobility, numerous officers and civil officers. Colonel Dimansky made a eulogistic address of welcome, declaring that "your splendid defense of Port Arthur amazed the world and created immortal glory for Russia."

Numerous bouquets were presented to Madame Stoessel. The general afterward held a reception. He will go to St. Petersburg Wednesday.

Lawson—I thought you told me that Watson was an inventor. Dawson—Well, he is. Lawson—Yes, but he is well dressed.—Somerville Journal.

Her Husband With Sam Houston.

Chillicothe, Mo.—Mrs. Elizabeth Lane, widow of W. A. Lane, who was chief clerk of the treasury of the Texas republic when General "Sam" Houston was president, died Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Ellett, in Sullivan county. Her home was in this place and the body was brought here for burial.

A BIG BATTLE IN PROGRESS

JAPS CAPTURE A NUMBER OF RUSSIAN POSITIONS.

Fighting Fierce and Losses Heavy.—The Scene of Battle is About Fifty Miles Southeast of Mukden.

Mukden, Feb. 26.—Fighting continues in front and west of Tie pass. On the extreme east the Japanese have taken the outlying portions and they now threaten the main defense.

Owing to their formidable attack it is thought that the Japanese artillerymen are veterans from Port Arthur. Commanded by General Nogai. Forty wounded Russians arrived at Mukden today and 400 are expected tomorrow. Other indications point to an unusual struggle.

A blustering snowstorm all day is ending in a bitter wind which may modify the threatened conflict. The region of the Japanese attack is in lightly wooded and high mountains, favorable to the Russian operations.

The force of Japanese of unknown strength, joined with Chinese brigades west of Rungchilin, is still menacing the Russians in that region. The command along the Russian center diminished in intensity today. There is no evidence of activity on the part of the Japanese who are strongly strengthening the site of the Russian operations toward Liao Yang in the latter part of January.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27 (1:35 a. m.).—An action of no mean proportions is in progress on the Russian left flank. The advantage this far is on the side of the Japanese, though at heavy cost.

From advices from the front it is difficult to say how severe the losses have been or how decisive the reverse, and whether the Japanese are likely to attempt to drive in the Russian left much farther.

General Kuropatkin evidently has been trying to establish his left flank far in advance, to command the crossings of the Tatise river, the operation being a counterpart of General Gripsenberg's movement on the right flank to secure the fords of the Hun river preparatory to the breaking up of the ice in the spring.

The scene of the operations is fifty miles southeast of Mukden, beyond Da pass, an important defile commanding the road to Fushan. Both armies occupying apparently impregnable positions on the centers, General Kuropatkin evidently planned to inaugurate widely sweeping operations on both flanks, but the Japanese countered hard.

Associated Press dispatches from the front indicate that the weather is fine and favorable for operations and that all is quiet on the Russian right wing.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—General Kuropatkin has telegraphed to the emperor under date of February 25 as follows:

"At 3 o'clock this morning the enemy occupied Tsinkhetchen. Exact reports of our yesterday's losses have not yet been received. There are twelve officers and about 300 men wounded in hospital at Sanlunyu. The percentage of killed is very large. The commander of the detachment reports acts of bravery by many detached bodies of troops."

General Kuropatkin instances many cases of close fighting and bayonet charges and concludes:

"This morning a battalion of the enemy advanced in the direction of Papin pass, six miles southwest of Sanlunyu, and this evening the enemy's outposts commenced to approach the passes occupied by us."

Jameson-Like Raid.

Paris, Feb. 26.—Brazil has made formal complaint to the French government against the Jameson-like raids made by French subjects in the territory of Countant, which is about the size of Ireland and adjoins the frontier of French Guiana.

The territory was long in dispute, but was finally awarded to Brazil by arbitration. The Brazilian government declares a man named Brezet raised a fund in Paris to organize an armed revolt and declare the independence of Countant; he even issued a red book to the several powers setting forth that Countant was a free state.

Police Commissariat Schier has been directed to investigate. Brezet, it is said, has left Paris, and the sum raised to achieve the independence of Countant is put as high as \$2,000,000.

Jeweler Slugged and Robbed

Topeka.—Leon Jodrey, a jeweler, was slugged near his place of business Saturday night by an unidentified person and died in a hospital Sunday. Jodrey went to the back part of the lot on which his store stands near Fifth street and Kansas avenue at midnight and was struck on the head. His pockets were rifled. He crawled to the sidewalk, where he was found.

GREAT DOCKS ARE WIPED OUT

FIRE DESTROYS ILLINOIS CENTRAL TERMINALS.

Losses May Exceed Five Million Dollars.—Two Grain Elevators, Much Cotton, and Miles of Wharf Destroyed

New Orleans.—Fire involving millions of dollars' loss in physical property and that strikes a serious, if temporary, blow at the immense export trade of New Orleans, swept the river front Sunday night and wiped out the vast freight terminals of the Illinois Central, known as the Stuyvesant docks. Nearly a dozen squares of modern wharves and freight sheds, two magnificent grain elevators, hundreds of loaded cars, and vast quantities of freight, including 20,000 bales of cotton, were destroyed, together with a large number of small residences.

It has not been determined whether there has been any loss of life. The ocean-going shipping seems to have escaped serious damage. A number of firemen and employees of the docks were injured. Actual estimates of the losses are impossible as yet, though they may exceed \$5,000,000.

The Stuyvesant docks extend from Louisiana avenue almost to Napoleon avenue, a distance of twelve squares. The wharves between these two points were covered with miles of trackage, and steel and iron sheds ran the whole distance.

The two grain elevators were of the most modern construction, the upper one having a capacity of 1,000,000 bushels. Thousands of bales of cotton, several hundred thousand packages of sugar, great quantities of cottonseed oil and oil cakes, lumber and every conceivable variety of freight filled the warehouses and sheds. Practically all the export business handled by the Illinois Central was put aboard ships at these docks. The docks and improvements have been under construction for ten years past, elaborate extensions and immense investments having been made after the constitutional convention of 1888 made it possible for the road to invest permanently at this point.

The fire was discovered shortly after 1 o'clock. It was said to have resulted from a journal that had not been sufficiently oiled. The whole plant was equipped with gigantic water tanks and fire extinguishing apparatus, but the blaze, small at the beginning, almost instantaneously got beyond control, communicating through the conveyors to the lower elevator and some of the sheds. The response of the fire department was prompt, but, owing to the fact that the terminals were not readily accessible because of fences and tracks, the engines found difficulty in reaching the flames.

In half an hour the fire covered two squares, the lower elevator was practically consumed and the fire was sweeping with irresistible fury both up and down the river.

As soon as it became known that the zone of the fire was the Stuyvesant docks, harbor tugs hastened to the wharves, and vessels that were moored there were pulled out into the river.

At the same time, switch engines were rushed to the wharves and hundreds of box cars loaded with freight were drawn to points above the upper end of the terminals before the fire reached them. Hundreds more, however, were consumed.

The wind was blowing down the river as the blaze began and the fire spread with great speed in that direction. By 9 o'clock the lower elevator and sheds and wharves from Amelia avenue to Louisiana avenue, a distance of six squares, had fallen in. Fortunately, Louisiana avenue is a very broad thoroughfare and the further spread of the fire beyond that point into a residence section was checked. Between the points named, however, the flames swept to complete destruction many cottages of the poorer classes, the occupants in a great many instances losing all they possessed.

The river boats, the employees of the road and the fire department concentrated all their energies in an effort to save the upper elevator, between Austerlitz and Constantinople streets, and to check the fire at that point. The fire, however, gradually worked past the point occupied by the elevator. Heroically the forces kept at work, but ultimately they were beaten and the big steel structure, covered with corrugated iron, suddenly burst into flames at 10:30 and in half an hour was a complete wreck.

The Pastor Requested It.

Denver.—Dr. Wm. Pitts George, pastor of the fashionable Trinity M. E. church, surprised his audience Sunday morning with a request that the women remove their hats. He said while there is no law in the matter, the churches could not afford to be behind the theaters in such reforms, especially as the tendency was for larger headgear. The hats were all removed.

MISSOURI NEWS BRIEFS.

Jefferson City.—Thursday afternoon the senate passed the Welmsley game law. The upper house clipped off the sections which forbade trout lines, spearing and the closed season for game fish. It also cut out the section protecting skunks.

Chillicothe.—John Kester, a retired farmer, committed suicide here Friday while temporarily deranged, by swallowing an ounce of carbolic acid. He was 50 years old. He secured the drug and took it to bed with him, swallowing it when none of the family was near.

Jefferson City.—By voting to table an amendment to the bill prohibiting Sunday baseball games and theatrical performances, the house Friday killed the bill, after several attempts had been made to amend it and a motion postponing its consideration indefinitely had been voted down.

New Cambria.—A team of horses belonging to Samuel Parker, a livery man at Bucklin, was drowned while attempting to cross Brush creek, near Lingo, Friday morning. Melting snow had swollen the stream and the driver and two traveling men with him had a narrow escape from death.

St. Louis.—A search of the rooms occupied by Albert C. Fisher, under arrest charged with stealing several articles from the Hotel Beers Friday, resulted in the discovery of papers and notes valued at \$9,000, which were stolen from a room in the Lindell hotel occupied by W. A. Cathey, of Memphis, Tenn.

Marshall.—Mrs. Catherine Pulliam died at her home here Thursday night. She was born in Lawrenceburg, Ind., in 1815. Mrs. Pulliam was one of six surviving daughters of the Revolution. Her father, Benjamin Chambers, served in the Revolutionary war with Washington and was often a guest of the first president in his home.

Chillicothe.—Hardie Montgomery and "Bugs" Denny, negroes, attempted to hold up Deloss Houston, 18-year-old night clerk at a local hotel office, at 1 o'clock Friday morning. He resisted and the negroes struck him on the head with a chair, inflicting serious scalp wounds and severely injuring both of his eyes. The negroes were arrested.

Jefferson City.—The house Friday afternoon killed a bill to compel purchasers of stocks of merchandise to file with the firm from whom they buy goods a list of all their debts and the names of all their creditors. A similar bill, which was pushed by Kansas City commercial bodies, required ten days' notice of intention to sell out stocks of goods.

Jefferson City.—After a debate lasting two hours, the house Thursday afternoon finally passed a bill to permit counties to vote for themselves upon the proposition of furnishing free text books for school children. Representative Biggs, of Schuyler, attempted to have free lunches and free clothing provided for indigent pupils, but failed in his effort, though he protested he was sincere.

Jefferson City.—The senate Thursday morning passed finally a bill to appropriate \$198,000 to build a new supreme court building. Senator Frank Harris tried to have the bill amended so as to require the new building to be put on the capital grounds, but failed. The bill was drawn up and is being engineered by former Governor Dockery. The money to be used is the unexpended portion of \$1,000,000 appropriated under the Dockery administration for a Missouri world's fair exhibit.

Jefferson City.—There reached the house Thursday morning senate bill No. 90, introduced by Senator Walker, of Boone. The bill is intended to force all railroads to try their damage cases in the state courts instead of before federal judges. The bill is not retroactive, but is so drawn that if the Alton, Burlington, Santa Fe or other railroad operating in Missouri, but organized under the laws of other states, should reorganize they must do so under the Missouri laws and so limit their scope of action to the state courts. The plan is known as the Texas plan, and the first section of the bill reads: section 1. No corporation, except one chartered under the laws of the state of Missouri, shall be authorized or permitted to construct, build, operate, acquire, own or maintain any railway, either steam, cable or electric street railway or terminal or transfer railroad, whether run by steam, cable or electric power, within this state.

"I'm having a run of bad luck." "I wish I could get my bad luck on the run."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Chillicothe.—Mrs. Edmond Pedlow, 3322 Chadwick avenue, Indianapolis, Ind., died of tuberculosis on a Burlington train Thursday morning at 11 o'clock midway between Kidder and Hamilton. Accompanied by her husband, she was endeavoring to reach home from Denver before death should overtake her. The body was taken to St. Louis in the Pullman in which the couple were riding.